

AMENDMENT

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Replace the abstract with the following:

A table saw apparatus including an extendable table. The table saw also includes a rip fence with a constant alignment spring finger to ensure alignment at all times between the rip fence and the table saw blade. The table saw further includes a self-adjusting rip fence scale associated with the extending portion of the table. The table saw further includes a self-aligning blade guard that, once adjusted a first time, ensures alignment between the blade guard and the blade on any subsequent installations of the guard. The table saw also includes a novel cradle assembly for elevating and beveling the blade.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 7 with the following:

Sub C17 -- Turning next to FIGs. 3 and 3A, first table 6 includes a fence rail/table lock facilitated by lock 16. FIG. 3 shows a bottom view of first table 6 with lock 16 mounted to first surface 30, and FIG. 3A illustrates a portion of first table 6, with first rail 10 positioned to expose slide 14 attached to first table 6. Lock 16 is used to lock second table 8 at any desired distance from first table 6 within presct limits of travel, for example, about 10.25 to 10.5 inches. Lock 16 is designed in such a manner so as to clamp first rail 10 and second rail 12 to front 17 and back 19 of first table 6 with approximately equal pressure. Lock 16 includes a cam mechanism 26 that is positioned in a bushing 28 that is free to float in a front to back direction. Mounted to cam mechanism 26 are first clamping rod 22 and second clamping rod 24. First clamping rod 22 extends through a hole 11 in first table 6 and through a slot 13 in first rail 10 (slot 13 is shown,